



# Texas Vital Statistics

**Archives and Information Services  
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# Overview

**TEXAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
Standard Certificate of Death

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
State of Texas, COUNTY OF Worth, CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ Registrar's No. 80

2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED Miss Verdie George, No. \_\_\_\_\_ Residence No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

Length of residence in city where death occurred yrs. mos. days How long in U. S. If foreign born, yrs. mos. days

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR SEPARATED, (Write in words) Single

6. DATE OF BIRTH March 29, 1909 7. AGE 30 yrs. 8 mos. 10 days

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED Housewife

9. BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Texas

10. NAME OF FATHER E. D. George

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Florida

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Belle Peel

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Texas

14. RESIDENCE of Informant 1009 Louisia Willy

15. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Worth Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Sept. 7, 1939

16. UNDERTAKER A. Doepenschmidt Co. ADDRESS W. B.

279-117-0000 TEXAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH 43509 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

PLACE OF BIRTH (1) County Fairbairn (2) City Fairbairn (3) State Texas

Reg. Dis. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Register No. 54-47739

DATE OF BIRTH Sept 6, 1909

1. FULL NAME OF CHILD Lin-nan-nu

2. FATHER (1) FULL NAME Grayson Wells (2) RESIDENCE Fairbairn Tex (3) COLOR White (4) BIRTHPLACE Ark E (5) OCCUPATION Stock farmer

3. MOTHER (1) FULL NAME Etta McDaniel (2) RESIDENCE Fairbairn Tex (3) COLOR White (4) BIRTHPLACE Ark E (5) OCCUPATION House wife

4. CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE (1) I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was born at 2:50 A. M. on the date above stated. (2) I have no attending physician or midwife. (3) I have no attending physician or midwife. (4) I have no attending physician or midwife. (5) I have no attending physician or midwife.

5. SIGNATURE 43 Wade ADDRESS Fairbairn Tex FILED 9/7/39 1919 11/10/39

**MARRIAGE RECORD**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Harris

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace, in and for Harris County, GREETING:

You are hereby Authorized to Solemnize the Rites of Matrimony  
Between Mr. John C. Oatman and Miss Lizzie Moss  
and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

Witness my official signature and seal of office, at office in Harris County, the 11th day of Sept, 1909.

W. H. Alexander  
Clerk of County Court.

I, John C. Oatman, hereby certify that on the 5th day of Sept, 1909, I united in Marriage Mr. J. C. Oatman and Miss Lizzie Moss the parties above named.

Witness my hand this 9th day of Sept, 1909.

John C. Oatman  
Minister of the Gospel

Returned and filed for record the 9th day of Sept, 1909, and recorded the 13 day of Sept, 1909.

W. H. Alexander  
County Clerk

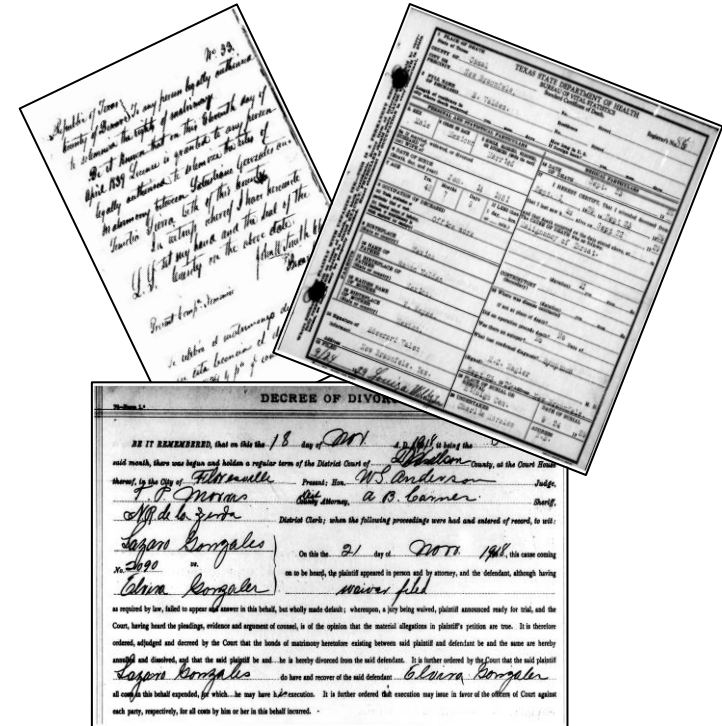
By H. M. Lead  
Deputy.

This presentation covers how to locate and obtain Texas birth, death, marriage, and divorce records.



# General Information about Texas Vital Statistics

- No centralized repository for Texas vital records.
  - Depending on the record and date, it could be held by a county or state government office.
- There may be restrictions on who can access:
  - Birth certificates within the past 75 years.
  - Death certificates within the past 25 years.
- Visit the Department of State Health Services [website](#) for information.



# Birth and Death Records

- Birth records:
  - Pre-1903: Only recorded by County Clerk
  - 1903-present: Certificates available from [DSHS](#)
  - 1903-2010: Indexes held at TSLAC
  - Delayed Birth Indexes: can include records prior to 1903 (see further explanation in later slides)
- Death records:
  - Pre-1903: Only recorded by County Clerk
  - 1903-present: Certificates available from [DSHS](#)
  - 1903-2010: Indexes held at TSLAC



# Marriage and Divorce Records

- Marriage Records:
  - Pre-1966: Only recorded by County Clerk
  - 1966-present: Verifications available from [DSHS](#)
  - 1966-2005: Indexes held at TSLAC
- Divorce Records:
  - Pre-1968: Only recorded by the District Clerk
  - 1968-Present: Verifications available from [DSHS](#)
  - 1968-2005: Indexes held at TSLAC



# What is available online?



# Online Resources for Texas Vital Statistics



The following slides include links and information for selected resources for Texas vital statistics as of May 2020.

Please note that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) strongly encourages researchers to evaluate sources and accuracy of the information provided by third parties such as Ancestry and FamilySearch. TSLAC staff are unable to determine if the information found using these resources represents the individual you are seeking.

For questions regarding the original records, please contact the appropriate government office. If you are unsure of the government office you need to contact, please contact us at 512-463-5455 or email [ref@tsl.texas.gov](mailto:ref@tsl.texas.gov).



# FamilySearch.org

- Requires free account
- FamilySearch Wiki has help topics
  - For example: Texas Vital Statistics Wiki Page
  - Includes collections that may have Texas vital records
- Index collections (which have fewer details) and full collections with digitized records
- Includes source information at the bottom of the page





# FamilySearch.org Collections

Use the links to go to Texas-related collections:

- [Texas Birth Index, 1903-1997](#)
- [Texas Births and Christenings, 1840-1981](#)
- [Texas Death Index, 1903-2000](#)
- [Texas Death Index, 1964-1998](#)
- [Texas Deaths and Burials, 1903-1973](#)
- [Texas Deaths, 1890-1976](#)
- [Texas Deaths, 1977-1986](#)
- [Texas Divorce Index, 1968-2010](#)
- [Texas, Cooke County, Birth Records 1873-1876](#)
- [Texas, County Marriage Index, 1837-1977](#)
- [Texas Marriages, 1837-1973](#)
- [Texas, County Marriage Records, 1837-1965](#)
- [Texas, Gonzales County, Birth Records, 1878-1945](#)
- [Texas, Gonzales County, Death records, 1863-1970](#)
- [Texas, Mills County Clerk Records, 1841-1985](#)
- [Texas, Swisher County Records, 1879-2012](#)



# Ancestry.com

- Requires paid subscription
- Available at libraries that subscribe to Ancestry.com
- Includes index collections (which have fewer details) and full collections with digitized records and other details
- Search specific collections by selecting “New Collections” from the top menu and typing in your records of interest, such as “Texas births”



# Ancestry.com Collections

- Texas, Select County Marriage Records, 1837-2015
- Texas, County Marriage Records, 1817-1965
- Texas, Select County Marriage Index, 1837-1965
- Texas, Death Certificates, 1903-1982
- Johnson County, Texas, Marriage Index, 1854-1872
- Texas, Birth Certificates, 1903-1932
- Collin County, Texas, Marriage Index, 1800-2010
- Web: Colorado County, Texas, Marriage Index, 1837-1886
- Web: El Paso County, Texas, Death Index, 1956-2010
- Texas, Marriage Index, 1824-2014
- Texas, Divorce Index, 1968-2014
- Texas, Birth Index, 1903-1997
- Texas, Death Index, 1903-2000

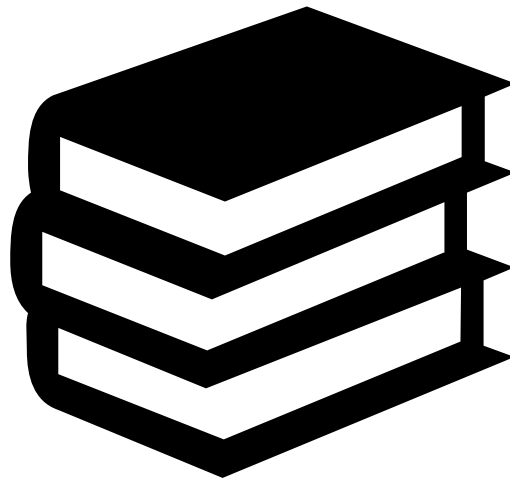


# Marriage and Divorce Records

- The Department of State Health Services website has marriage and divorce indexes available for download:  
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/vs/marriagedivorce/default.shtm>
  - Marriage: 1966-2016
  - Divorce: 1968-2015
- Note that indexes do not include actual marriage and divorce certificates



# What is available at TSLAC?



# Texas Birth & Death Index Example

3050					
SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	COUNTY	MO.	DAY	FILE NO.
PADGETT	CYNTHIA M	ORANGE	9	6	154213
PADGETT	DAVID FREEMAN	ORANGE	8	16	92632
PADGETT	DAVID RAY	HALL	4	30	56473
PADGETT	DAVID WAYNE	MIDLAND	7	28	131422
PADGETT	DENNIS KEITH	ROBERTSON	8	10	133448
PADGETT	DENNIS RAY	DALLAS	11	4	186286
PADGETT	DONN LEE	HARRIS	5	3	71796
PADGETT	FRANK B	MEDINA	2	12	28094
PADGETT	G W INF OF	HARRIS	1	1	6774
PADGETT	GARY RAY	CALDWELL	9	20	140403
PADGETT	HENRY LEE GLENN	HARRIS	8	20	127216
PADGETT	JAMES ALLEN	HARRIS	8	29	22905
PADGETT	JOSEPH PATRICK	TARRANT	10	2	177535
PADGETT	JUDY LYNE	HARRIS	11	2	190798
PADGETT	KATHLEEN	BEXAR	12	8	18284
PADGETT	LINDA LEE	HARRIS	11	10	7434
PADGETT	KARST DENIS	BEXAR	11	30	182571
PADGETT	PATRICIA JEAN	BEXAR	13	1	34809
PADGETT	ROGER GLEN	HARRIS	7	2	105828
PADGETT	ROSEMARY	TARRANT	7	15	113258
PADGETT	STEVEN DUANE	MCLENNAN	10	3	1194088
PADGETT	SYLVIA YVONNE	TARRANT	11	7	197846
PADGETT	WILLIAM HUGH II	TARRANT	12	22	19377
PADGETT	WILLIAM ALLEN JR	TARRANT	12	22	19377
PADGETT	WILLIAM COLUM	HARRIS	12	6	209968
PADIA	JIMMY	FERRY	6	15	94812
PADIA	MARGARET	WHARTON	6	10	114806
PADIER	BARBARA JEAN	TOM GREEN	7	29	113603
PADILLA	ADALBERTO	CAMERON	3	24	35475
PADILLA	AGRIPIN	HIDALGO	8	22	89440
PADILLA	AIDA JEAN	DALLAS	8	15	68548
PADILLA	ALBERTO	CAMERON	11	9	84089
PADILLA	ALEXANDER	BEXAR	11	8	82709
PADILLA	ALFREDO	EL PASO	9	4	144311
PADILLA	ALICIA BARRERA	BEXAR	10	2	161480
PADILLA	ANITA	NUECES	2	29	76732
PADILLA	ANNA ALICIA	CAMERON	9	3	140535
PADILLA	ARMANDO	CAMERON	10	18	162874
PADILLA	BARBARA	HUTCHINSON	1	5	9317
PADILLA	BAUDILIA	SAN PATRIC	3	20	46977
PADILLA	BENJAMIN	EL PASO	7	4	102749
PADILLA	CARLOS F	MARTIN	7	9	109713
PADILLA	CONCEPCION	BEXAR	7	3	97372
PADILLA	DICK	POTTER	10	2	176343
PADILLA	DORA ESTELLA	EL PASO	7	5	102167
PADILLA	ELISEO JR	FERRY	9	18	157045
PADILLA	ELSA LINDA	HIDALGO	9	3	149658
PADILLA	ERNEST	MEDINA	5	3	175912
PADILLA	FEDERICO	EL PASO	7	19	102466
PADILLA	FRED	BELL	3	2	33073

Types of information found in birth and death indexes:

Name of individual

County where event occurred

Date of event

File number



# Texas Delayed Birth Records

- Delayed birth certificates, sometimes referred to as probate birth certificates, are issued if the birth was not recorded until a year or more after the birth occurred
  - These can include births that occurred prior to 1903 and after 1903
- TSLAC holds indexes to delayed birth certificates issued between 1946 and 1975
  - We do not have indexes for delayed birth certificates issued after 1975
    - Contact the Department of State Health Services for delayed birth records after 1975

Form 2028-15--Local-Late-Birth Record--Probate--U. S. No. 614--40th Leg. R. S. 1926.

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FILED-AUG 29 1946  
ALBERT J. BLOCH, CLERK  
CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

1. PLACE OF BIRTH  
STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF Dallas  
CITY OR  
TOWNSHIP OF Princeton  
Precinct No. Princeton

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD  
FOR FEMALE BIRTHS ONLY: 3. Legitimate? 4. Date of Birth  
Female Princeton 5. Number of Birth July 2 0 A D 1906

6. Full Name of Father Walter Padon 7. Full Name of Mother John Padon  
8. Residence at time of birth Princeton 9. Residence at time of birth Princeton

10. Color or Race white 11. Age at time of birth 40 (years) 12. Color or Race white 13. Age at time of birth 36 (years)

14. Education (State or Country) Texas 15. Education (State or Country) Texas

16. Trade, profession, or kind of work done labor 17. Trade, profession, or kind of work done housekeeper

18. Industry or business in which engaged own home 19. What Probate was used at this birth to prove Childbirth? no

20. Number of children born to this mother 9 21. Number of children born to this mother 9

22. Signature of Probationer or other person Filer Padon 23. Address Box 282 - New Braunfels, Texas

WHEN A BIRTH OCCURS IN THE FAMILY OF AN ELDERLY MAN, the State Board of Health requires the medical attendant to fill out the following blank in order that the comparison may be made with the family of an elderly man known of each birth may be more easily verified.

(1) Is the father reported to have been in such service? (2) Social Number of Discharge Papers or National Service Certificate (3) Name of mother, if a widow. (4) Name of mother, if a widow.

Information furnished by: Simon Davis

The Local Registrar who accepts a certificate of a birth in the family of an elderly man, is required by the State Board of Health to verify the report. Signature of Local Registrar.

STATE OF TEXAS, AFFIDAVIT A. Before me on this day appeared Filer Padon known to me to be the person who signed the certificate attached hereto, who on oath depose and say that the facts stated in the foregoing Birth Certificate of Princeton are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he is acquainted with the facts and that he is not related to the individual by blood or marriage.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 26 day of Aug AD 1940.  
Signed: Simon Davis  
Notary Public in and for Dallas County, Texas.

STATE OF TEXAS, MEDICAL ATTENDANT'S AFFIDAVIT. BEFORE ME, the Undersigned Authority, on this day personally appeared: Simon Davis (Name of Affiant) known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing certificate, who on oath depose and say: That he was the attendant at this birth, and that he is filing on this date this certificate of birth of Princeton who was born on the 26 day of Aug (Month) (Year) in line of a certificate that cannot now be found, or which was not filed at the time, and that the facts stated in the certificate attached hereto are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26 day of Aug (Month) 1940.  
Signed: Simon Davis (Name of Affiant)  
(SEAL) Notary Public in and for Dallas County, Texas.

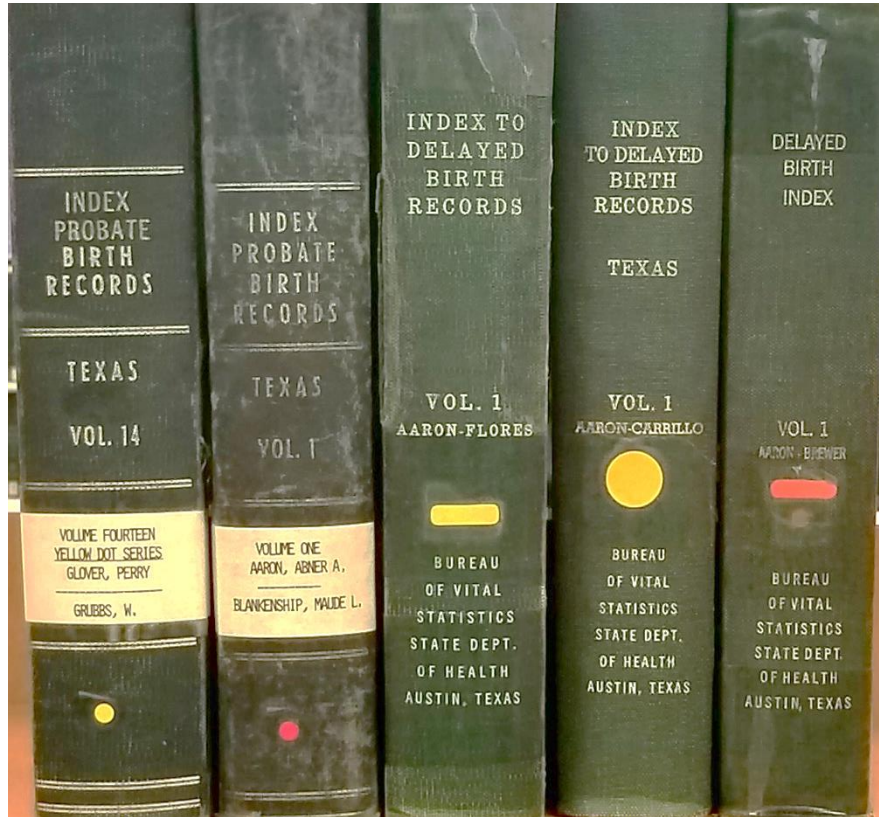
STATE OF TEXAS, CORRECTION AFFIDAVIT. BEFORE ME, the Undersigned Authority, on this day personally appeared: Simon Davis (Name of Affiant) known to me to be the person whose name is signed in the foregoing instrument, who on oath depose and say: That the facts stated in the certificate attached hereto are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, and are in accordance with the facts surrounding the birth of Princeton (Name appearing on Certificate) and that this certificate is filed for the purpose of correcting the error that appears in the original certificate of the said Princeton (Name appearing on Certificate).

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26 day of Aug (Month) 1940.  
Signed: Simon Davis (Signature of Affiant)  
(SEAL) Notary Public in and for Dallas County, Texas.





# Texas Delayed Birth Indexes



- These indexes are not available online
- The type of information in delayed birth indexes is similar to the standard birth indexes: name, date of birth, place of birth, file number
- Place of birth is typically a Texas county, but may be another state or country
- Print indexes are available at TSLAC
  - 5 sets of indexes printed between 1946-1975
- Each set is identified by the sticker on the spine





# Texas Marriage & Divorce Indexes

- What can be found?
  - names of the spouses (for some years)
  - county where the marriage or divorce occurred
  - date of marriage or divorce
  - a file number, for some years
  - date of marriage for divorce records
- The digital indexes for divorces may also provide information about the number of children under 18 from the marriage.



# Texas Marriage & Divorce Index Examples

H1301200 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		PAGE 129	
RECORDS AND STATISTICS			
CYCLE: 29 DIVORCES FOR THE CYCLE OF JANUARY THRU DECEMBER 1992			
NAME	COUNTY	DATE	FILE NO
ATWELL LOU E	BEXAR	APR 1	019493
ATWELL MADELINE J	BEXAR	APR 1	019493
ATWOOD BEATRICE M	MUECES	DEC 12	093485
ATWOOD CAROL J	TRAVIS	NOV 9	078461
ATWOOD CHARLES E JR	HARRISON	JUL 1	059386
ATWOOD DONALD A	TRAVIS	NOV 9	078461
ATWOOD GARY L	TRAVIS	APR 1	032327
ATWOOD GARY S	HARRIS	JUN 30	043979
ATWOOD HEATHER D	TAYLOR	AUG 10	061051
ATWOOD MARY L	HOUSTON	AUG 13	054980
ATWOOD NORMAN D	TRAVIS	APR 1	052327
ATWOOD PENNEY M	TAYLOR	AUG 10	061051
ATWOOD RHONDA E	HARRISON	JUL 1	059386
ATWOOD THERESA	HOUSTON	AUG 13	054980
ATWOOD TIMOTHY P	HARRIS	JUN 30	043979
ATZENHOFFER CYNTHIA M	MUECES	DEC 12	093485
ATZENHOFFER RANDALL G	HARRIS	JAN 17	000452
AUBEL LAURA A	HARRIS	JAN 17	000452
AUBEL RODNEY W	BEXAR	FEB 12	014341
AUBREY DIANNE M	BEXAR	FEB 12	014341
AUBREY VICTOR H	HARRIS	JAN 23	002216
AUBIN JOHN P	HARRIS	JAN 23	002216
AUBIN LAURA L	TAYLOR	NOV 4	084687
AUBREY BRUCE E	TAYLOR	NOV 4	084687
AUBREY DORIS L	DALLAS	JUL 30	050066
AUBREY MONTIE K	DALLAS	JUL 30	050066
AUBREY RANDALL L	HARRIS	SEP 14	062265
AUBREY REGINA M	HARRIS	SEP 14	062265
AUBREY WILLIE J	DALLAS	JUN 23	040036
AUBUCHON BETTY J	DALLAS	JUN 23	040036
AUBUCHON DENNIS L	GALVESTON	MAY 1	027629
AUCES DANIEL JR	GALVESTON	MAY 1	027629
AUCES RANDON L	ELLIS	MAR 31	035834
AUCLAIR DONALD C	ELLIS	MAR 31	035834
AUCLAIR PHYLLIS C	DALLAS	DEC 16	089129
AUCLAIR FRANCIS R	DALLAS	DEC 16	089129
AUCLAIR FRED A	SABINE	OCT 23	089962
AUCOIN CARL E	SABINE	OCT 23	089962
AUCOIN SANDRA K	ANGELINA	JUL 16	049937
AUDILET PENNY K	ANGELINA	JUL 16	049937
AUDILET TERRY L	JEFFERSON	JAN 8	004394
AUDU ADAMS O	JEFFERSON	JAN 8	004394
AUDU JOSETTA P	HARRIS	AUG 21	055881
AUFLEGER BARBARA A	HARRIS	AUG 21	055881
AUFLEGER GEORGE E	HARRIS	APR 3	017984
AUGELLO JAMES H II	DALLAS	APR 3	017984
AUGELLO YOLANDA L	TARRANT	JAN 2	002738
AUGENTE KERRY M	TARRANT	JAN 2	002738
AUGENTE STEVEN	TARRANT	NOV 6	077602
AUGHT DAVID E	TARRANT	NOV 6	077602
AUGHT DELPHINE M	HARRIS	AUG 11	053935
AUGILLARD SHERIDAN A	HARRIS	AUG 11	053935
AUGILLARD WAYNE R SR	HARRIS	SEP 10	061814
AUGILLARD JOSEPH T	HARRIS	SEP 10	061814
AUGILLARD JOSEPH T	HARRIS	DEC 28	089696

["File Number"\*"Husband's Name (Last, First, MI)"\*Husband's Age"\*Wife's Name (First, MI)"\*Wife's Age"\*Number of Children Under 18"\*Marriage Date"\*Date Marriage Was Dissolved"\*County Code Where Decree is Filed"\*County Name Where Decree is Filed"]

062025\*AADAIN JOHN BENJAMIN\*34\*SHANNON DANNETTE\*35\*0\*09/03/1995\*04/07/2015\*227\*TRAVIS\*

060285\*AANDERUD DAVID JOHN\*25\*TIFFANY JANINE\*23\*0\*03/10/2012\*06/15/2015\*236\*WALKER\*

112666\*AARON BRENT O'NEAL\*36\*KALLIE RENEE\*26\*1\*11/01/2014\*10/27/2015\*191\*RANDALL\*

077800\*AARON CHRIS B\*50\*GWYNETH HUTTON\*53\*1\*06/22/1991\*07/15/2015\*227\*TRAVIS\*

024938\*AARON EARNEST DEAN\*55\*EVIA MARIE\*54\*0\*09/04/2004\*02/26/2015\*112\*HOPKINS\*

012440\*AARON JAY S\*43\*GENNY L\*41\*3\*08/05/1995\*03/03/2015\*182\*PALO PINTO\*

002925\*ABADIANO FERDINAND\*48\*BRANDIE LYNN\*42\*0\*09/10/2005\*01/28/2015\*246\*WILLIAMSON\*

109073\*ABADIE ROBERT G\*0\*LORI C\*0\*0\*07/28/2012\*12/23/2015\*101\*HARRIS\*

080775\*ABALOS CHARLES GLENN\*31\*CHRISTI ANN\*30\*1\*11/06/2010\*09/08/2015\*041\*COKE\*

071222\*ABARCA DANILO O\*31\*JACQUELYN R\*47\*0\*02/16/2014\*08/21/2015\*220\*TARRANT\*

088428\*ABASCOL FERNANDO\*51\*MARTHA LUCIA\*50\*99\*03/01/2010\*10/21/2015\*079\*FORT BEND\*

004292\*ABAYOMI SAM\*52\*MONSURAT O\*50\*3\*12/31/1994\*01/08/2015\*101\*HARRIS\*

101425\*ABAZIE INNOCENT C\*39\*CHIDERA J\*32\*0\*/ /\*07/22/2015\*101\*HARRIS\*

057472\*ABBADI YASIR\*45\*HIND\*42\*1\*01/20/1999\*07/20/2015\*079\*FORT BEND\*

105225\*ABBAS ABBAS Y\*0\*HIND\*33\*2\*07/01/2004\*11/23/2015\*057\*DALLAS\*

065615\*ABBAS MOHAMMED RAZA\*45\*ELSA\*62\*0\*06/01/2002\*07/31/2015\*101\*HARRIS\*

087678\*ABBAS SHAKEEL\*32\*FAYZA ABID\*25\*0\*07/11/2008\*10/19/2015\*220\*TARRANT\*

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# Summary of TSLAC Vital Statistics Holdings

- Texas Birth Indexes, 1903-2010 (print and microfiche)
- Texas Death Indexes, 1903-2010 (print and microfiche)
- Texas Delayed Birth Indexes, issued between 1946-1975 (print and microfiche)
- Texas Marriage Indexes, 1966-2005 (print and microfiche)
- Texas Divorce Indexes, 1968-2005 (print and microfiche)



# Summary of TSLAC Vital Statistics Holdings

- Select vital statistics on microfilm for the following Texas counties: Atascosa, Bandera, Bastrop, Bexar, Blanco, Caldwell, Comal, Frio, Galveston, Gillespie, Grayson, Guadalupe, Harris, Hays, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, Llano, McMullen, Medina, Uvalde, and Wilson
- Records from other counties may be available through other libraries. Please see our [website](#) for more information on the types of records and years available for each county.
- Access to Ancestry.com Library Edition



# Who can I contact with questions?



# Lookup Requests at TSLAC

- Contact [ref@tsl.texas.gov](mailto:ref@tsl.texas.gov) with up to 5 lookup requests
- A lookup is defined as an individual name in a single index
- More details:  
<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/vitalfaq.html>



# Department of State Health Services

## Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Vital Statistics Unit

- To request certificate copies, visit their website for the following:
  - Texas birth and death records, 1903-present
  - Verification letters for Texas marriages, 1966-present
  - Verification letters for Texas divorces, 1968-present
  - Texas Marriage (1966-2016) and Divorce Indexes (1968-2015) are available to download on the DSHS [website](#)



# Other Vital Statistics Resources

## County and District Clerks' Association of Texas

- Directory of County and District Clerks in Texas, includes contact information

## Texas GenWeb Counties

- The Texas GenWeb project may also have information related to vital statistics for select counties





# Questions? Contact Us!

Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC)

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P.O. Box 12927, Austin, TX 78711

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